

Self-consistent Gaussian model of nonperturbative QCD vacuum

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Abstract

We show that the minimal Gaussian model of nonlocal vacuum quark and quark-gluon condensates in QCD generates the non-transversity of vector current correlators. We suggest the improved Gaussian model of the nonperturbative QCD vacuum, which respects QCD equations of motion and minimizes the revealed gauge-invariance breakdown. We obtain the refined values of pion distribution amplitude (DA) conformal moments $\langle \xi^{2N} \rangle_\pi$ ($N = 1, \dots, 5$) using the improved QCD vacuum model, including the inverse moment $\langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi$, being inaccessible if one uses the standard QCD sum rules. We construct the allowed region for Gegenbauer coefficients a_2 and a_4 of the pion DA for two values of the QCD vacuum nonlocality parameter, $\lambda_q^2 = 0.4$ and 0.5 GeV^2 .

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I. INTRODUCTION

In order to analyze meson distribution amplitudes (DAs) and form factors the generalization of the standard QCD Sum Rules (SRs) approach [1] has been suggested in [2, 3, 4, 5]. This generalization is based on the notion of the nonlocal vacuum condensates (NLC) [6, 7, 8] of quark and gluon fields in the nonperturbative QCD vacuum. The effects of QCD vacuum nonlocality appears to be very important in the pion DA analysis [9, 10, 11, 12].

In this approach we introduce the following gauge-invariant quark-antiquark NLCs ¹

$$M_S(x) \equiv \langle \bar{\psi}(0) \mathcal{E}(0, x) \psi(x) \rangle = \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle \int_0^\infty f_S(\alpha) e^{\alpha x^2/4} d\alpha; \quad (1.1)$$

$$M_\mu(x) \equiv \langle \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma_\mu \mathcal{E}(0, x) \psi(x) \rangle = -ix_\mu A_0 \int_0^\infty f_V(\alpha) e^{\alpha x^2/4} d\alpha; \quad (1.2)$$

$$\mathcal{E}(0, x) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ig \int_0^x A_\mu(\tau) d\tau^\mu \right], \quad (1.3)$$

which are parameterized in the general case by distribution functions in virtualities $f_S(\alpha)$ and $f_V(\alpha)$, with $A_0 = 2\alpha_s \pi \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle^2 / 81$. Explicit forms of these functions should be taken, generally speaking, from some concrete model of the nonperturbative QCD vacuum. This can be the exact solution of QCD, or some approximation, obtained, for example, in lattice QCD simulation. In the absence of such a model we use the first non-trivial approximation, taking into account only the finite value of quark momentum distribution in the QCD vacuum:

$$f_S(\alpha) = \delta \left(\alpha - \frac{\lambda_q^2}{2} \right); \quad f_V(\alpha) = \delta' \left(\alpha - \frac{\lambda_V^2}{2} \right). \quad (1.4)$$

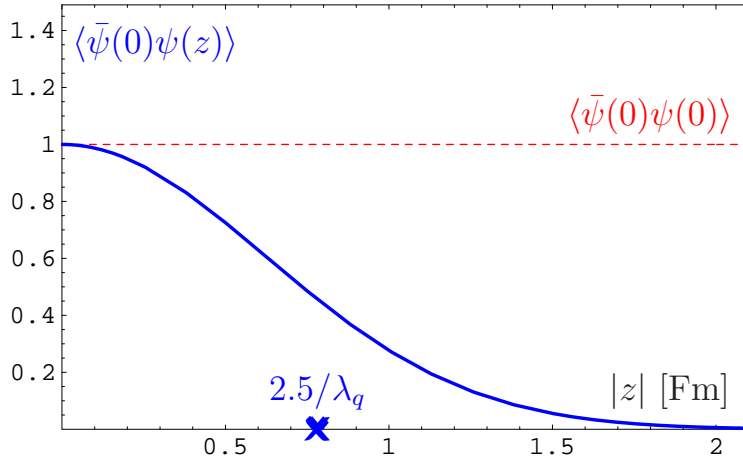


FIG. 1: Quark condensate nonlocality from lattice QCD data of Pisa group [13, 14] (solid line). Dashed line displays local limit, when quark condensate is constant and does not depend on distance z between quarks.

¹ We use the Euclidean interval $x^2 = x_E^2 = -x_0^2 - \vec{x}^2 < 0$ and the subscript E will be omitted below for simplicity.

In this model, so-called “delta-Ansatz”, the average virtuality of quarks in the vacuum is the single parameter:

$$\lambda_q^2 \equiv \frac{\langle \bar{\psi} D^2 \psi \rangle}{\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle}.$$

We have the following normalization conditions:

$$\int_0^\infty f_S(\alpha) d\alpha = 1; \quad \int_0^\infty \alpha f_S(\alpha) d\alpha = \frac{\lambda_q^2}{2}. \quad (1.5)$$

Higher moments of distribution $f_S(\alpha)$ are related with higher dimensional vacuum expectation values (VEVs) of quark fields. Delta-Ansatz (1.4) generates Gaussian form of NLC in coordinate representation,

$$M_S(x) = \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle e^{\lambda_q^2 x^2 / 8}; \quad M_\mu(x) = \frac{i}{4} x_\mu x^2 A_0 e^{\lambda_V^2 x^2 / 8}. \quad (1.6)$$

For this reason below we name it as Gaussian model of NLC. The space width of this distribution is approximately equal to $2.5/\lambda_q$ and is in a good agreement with lattice data (in Fig. 1 the abscissa of the symbol **X** corresponds to this value). This model takes into account one but very important property of the nonperturbative QCD vacuum — quarks can flow through the vacuum with nonzero momentum k and the average quark virtuality $\langle k^2 \rangle = \lambda_q^2/2$, see (1.5). It is worth to note here that Gaussian asymptotics at large values of $|x|$ differs from the anticipated exponential behavior of NLC, $\sim \exp(-\Lambda|x|)$. However, for the moment QCD SRs, which use averaged with the help of NLC distributions $f(\alpha)$ quantities—DA moments [2, 3], form factors [4, 15]—this wrong asymptotics of NLCs, as well as the more detailed information about NLC distributions, is not so important (more detailed discussion of this point see in [14]).

In first papers on NLC SRs [3, 4] it was assumed that nonlocality parameters of different condensates (λ_q , λ_V and $\lambda_{\bar{q}Aq}$) may differ. In order to simplify the NLC model and to diminish the number of parameters it was suggested and used in subsequent papers [10, 11, 12] to imply Gaussian model with the single nonlocality parameter — one and the same for scalar and vector NLCs (see (1.4)), and also for quark-gluon-quark (three-local) NLCs: $\lambda_V = \lambda_{\bar{q}Aq} = \lambda_q$. As we will show in this paper, such a simplification generates the breakdown of transversal character of vector current correlator $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)$ and also of Dirac equation for the vector condensate (1.2). By this reason the construction of a Gaussian NLC model, which is minimally consistent with QCD equations of motion and minimizes the revealed breakdown of gauge invariance, seems to be quite reasonable. We note here that the complete restoration of vector current correlator transversity appeared to be impossible, because it demands to go outside the frames of Gaussian approximation.

The paper has the following structure. In the next section we discuss NLCs in QCD: bi-local ($\langle \bar{\psi}(0)\psi(x) \rangle$ and $\langle \bar{\psi}(0)\gamma_\mu\psi(x) \rangle$), three-local ($\langle \bar{\psi}(0)(\gamma_5)\gamma_\mu\hat{A}_\nu(y)\psi(x) \rangle$) and four-quark ones ($\langle \bar{\psi}(0)\psi(y)\bar{\psi}(z)\psi(x) \rangle$). Here we obtain an equation relating bi-local vector NLC with the sum of tree-locals and following from the QCD Dirac equation for the quark field operator. Operator product expansion for the VV -correlator $\Pi_{\mu\nu}$, taking into account nonlocalities of NLCs, is constructed in the third section. In the next section we analyze possible delta-Ansatze and find the best one, called improved Gaussian model, which minimizes the non-transversal part of the correlator, Π_L . We show in the fifth section the results of NLC QCD SR analysis for the pion DA with using the improved Gaussian model. The last section summarizes our conclusions.

II. BASIC VACUUM CONDENSATES

We use, as usual in QCD SR approach, the fixed-point gauge

$$x^\mu A_\mu^a(x) = 0.$$

In this gauge, the gluon field operator can be expressed in terms of field-strength operators as follows [16]

$$A_\mu^a(x) = x^\nu \int_0^1 G_{\nu\mu}^a(\tau x) \tau d\tau.$$

For this reason all Fock–Schwinger strings

$$\mathcal{E}(0, x) \equiv \mathcal{P} \exp \left[\int_0^x \hat{A}_\mu(z) dz^\mu \right] = 1$$

if the integration path is a straight line going from 0 to x .

A. Bilocal quark condensates

The vacuum expectation value (VEV) of a bilocal quark field operator can be written in the general form

$$\langle \bar{\psi}_A^a(0) \psi_B^b(x) \rangle = \frac{\delta^{ab}}{N_c} \int_0^\infty \left\{ \frac{\delta_{AB}}{4} \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle f_S(\alpha) - \frac{\hat{x}_{BA}}{4} i A_0 f_V(\alpha) \right\} e^{\alpha x^2/4} d\alpha, \quad (2.1)$$

where $A_0 = 2\alpha_s \pi \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle^2 / 81$, and functions $f_S(\alpha)$ $f_V(\alpha)$ parameterize the scalar and vector condensates, respectively. The transition to the local case is evident

$$f_S^{\text{loc}}(\alpha) = \delta(\alpha); \quad f_V^{\text{loc}}(\alpha) = \delta'(\alpha).$$

B. Trilocal quark-gluon condensates

It is convenient to term the quark-gluon-antiquark condensate in the fixed-point gauge by introducing three scalar functions $\overline{M}_{1,2,3}(x^2, y^2, z^2)$ [3, 4, 11]:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\mu\nu}(x, y) &\equiv \langle \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma_\mu (-g \hat{A}_\nu(y)) \psi(x) \rangle = \\ &= (y_\mu x_\nu - g_{\mu\nu}(xy)) \overline{M}_1(x^2, y^2, (x-y)^2) \\ &\quad + (y_\mu y_\nu - g_{\mu\nu}y^2) \overline{M}_2(x^2, y^2, (x-y)^2); \\ M_{5\mu\nu}(x, y) &\equiv \langle \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu (-g \hat{A}_\nu(y)) \psi(x) \rangle = i \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\gamma x} \overline{M}_3(x^2, y^2, (x-y)^2), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

where $A_i = \{-\frac{3}{2}, 2, \frac{3}{2}\} A_0$ and $\overline{M}_{1,2,3}(x^2, y^2, z^2)$ can be parameterized as

$$\overline{M}_i(x^2, y^2, (x-y)^2) = A_i \iiint_{000}^{\infty\infty} d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 d\alpha_3 f_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) e^{(\alpha_1 x^2 + \alpha_2 y^2 + \alpha_3 (x-y)^2)/4}.$$

We prefer to use here the hypothesis that quark and anti-quark are interchangeable in $\bar{q}Gq$ -condensate, which means that

$$f_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) = f_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_3, \alpha_2). \quad (2.3)$$

Transition to the local case for these functions is defined as follows

$$f_i^{\text{loc}}(\sigma, \rho, \tau) = \delta(\sigma) \delta(\rho) \delta(\tau).$$

C. QCD equation of motion and nonlocal condensates

Dirac equation for the quark field operator in massless QCD

$$\hat{\nabla}\psi(x) = 0$$

allows us to write down immediately the equation of motion for the splitted quark current $j_\mu(x) = \bar{\psi}(0)\gamma_\mu\psi(x)$

$$\nabla^\mu j_\mu(x) = 0,$$

where ∇_μ^{AB} is covariant derivative. If we sandwich this operator equation between physical QCD vacuum states than we obtain the equation for condensates:

$$\partial^\mu \langle 0 | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma_\mu \psi(x) | 0 \rangle = i \langle 0 | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma_\mu g \hat{A}^\mu(x) \psi(x) | 0 \rangle; \quad (2.4a)$$

$$\partial^\mu M_\mu(x) = -i M_\mu{}^\mu(x, x). \quad (2.4b)$$

Let us first consider the left-hand side (l.h.s.) part of this relation. By substituting (2.1) and delta-Ansatz (1.4) with $\lambda_V^2/2 = \Lambda$ into this part we obtain

$$\partial^\mu M_\mu(x) = + \frac{i A_0 x^2}{2} \left[3 + \frac{\Lambda x^2}{4} \right] e^{\Lambda x^2/4}.$$

The right-hand side (r.h.s) part of (2.4) can be rewritten by using (2.2):

$$-i M_\mu{}^\mu(x, x) = + \frac{i A_0 x^2}{2} \int_0^\infty \langle \langle 12f_2 - 9f_1 \rangle \rangle(\alpha) e^{\alpha x^2/4} d\alpha,$$

where we defined the averaging $\langle \langle \dots \rangle \rangle$ as

$$\langle \langle f_i \rangle \rangle(\alpha) \equiv \int_0^1 \alpha dx \int_0^\infty d\alpha_3 f_i(x\alpha, (1-x)\alpha, \alpha_3).$$

Using (2.4), we get

$$\int_0^\infty \langle \langle 12f_2 - 9f_1 \rangle \rangle(\alpha) e^{\alpha x^2/4} d\alpha = \left[3 + \frac{\Lambda x^2}{4} \right] e^{\Lambda x^2/4}. \quad (2.5)$$

We see immediately that if one uses the minimal delta-Ansatz for f_1 and f_2 functions

$$f_i^{\text{min}}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) = \delta(\alpha_1 - x_i \Lambda) \delta(\alpha_2 - y_i \Lambda) \delta(\alpha_3 - z_i \Lambda), \quad (2.6)$$

then, in order to have the same exponential in both sides of Eq. (2.5), we have to set

$$x_i + y_i = 1. \quad (2.7)$$

But this condition is not sufficient to fulfill Eq. (2.5): the minimal Ansatz generates only the first term in the square brackets in the r.h.s of (2.5), namely $3 \cdot \exp(\Lambda x^2/4)$. To cure this deficiency, we suggest here to use the improved delta-Ansatz:

$$f_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) = (1 + X_i \partial_{x_i} + Y_i \partial_{y_i} + Z_i \partial_{z_i}) \delta(\alpha_1 - x_i \Lambda) \delta(\alpha_2 - y_i \Lambda) \delta(\alpha_3 - z_i \Lambda). \quad (2.8)$$

Then, in addition to condition (2.7), we obtain the condition for coefficients X_i and Y_i :

$$12(X_2 + Y_2) - 9(X_1 + Y_1) = 1. \quad (2.9)$$

D. Four-quark condensates

Vacuum condensates of 4-quarks operators are usually transformed to the product of two scalar quark condensates by means of the Hypothesis of Vacuum Dominance (HVD)²

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(0) A \psi(y) \bar{\psi}(z) B \psi(x) \rangle \cong \left(\frac{-\text{Tr } AB}{16 N_c^2} \right) M_S(x^2) M_S((z-y)^2), \quad (2.10)$$

Due to decay of correlations at large distances, say, when y^2 and $(z-x)^2$ are much larger than the characteristic scale of QCD vacuum nonlocality, $1/\lambda_q^2 \sim (0.3 \text{ fm})^2$, HVD should work well. In the opposite case, namely, when $(z-x)^2 \ll 1/\lambda_q^2$ or $y^2 \ll 1/\lambda_q^2$, we should have the HVD breakdown, which is related with true 4-quarks correlations. To take this breakdown into consideration we can add the form factor $\Phi_4(y^2 + (x-z)^2)$, accounting for the separation of quark pairs $(0, x)$ and (z, y) :

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(0) A \psi(y) \bar{\psi}(z) B \psi(x) \rangle \cong \left(\frac{-\text{Tr } AB}{16 N_c^2} \right) M_S(x^2) M_S((z-y)^2) [1 + \Phi_4(y^2 + (x-z)^2)],$$

where $\Phi_4(x^2)$ decreases fast for $x^2 \gg 1/\lambda_q^2$. This modification can be done, but it does not appear to be very important. We will consider the influence of this modification in a separate paper. We suppose here, that $\Phi_4(x^2) = 0$.

III. OPERATOR PRODUCT EXPANSION OF VECTOR CURRENT CORRELATOR

Consider now the correlator

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N = i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T [J_\mu^N(0) J_\nu^+(x)] | 0 \rangle, \quad (3.1)$$

of two vector currents corresponding to charged ρ meson

$$J_\mu^N(0) = \bar{d}(0) \gamma_\mu (-in \nabla_0)^N u(0); \quad J_\nu^+(x) = \bar{u}(x) \gamma_\nu d(x).$$

² For shortness we consider operators A and B , which include also color matrixes t^a and t^b .

In the first current we have the composite operator $(-in\nabla_0)^N$. Its action on the quark field is defined as

$$(-in\nabla_0)^N u(0) \equiv \bar{d}(0)\gamma_\mu (-in\nabla_y)^N u(y) \Big|_{y=0},$$

where n is an arbitrary light-like vector, $n^2 = 0$, such that $nq \neq 0$.

For shortness, we will write below $\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$ in place of $\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N(q)$. Note that the correlator $\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$ depends on two vectors q and n . This dependency allows to write correlator in terms of the following Lorentz structures

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N = A_N q_\mu q_\nu + B_N g_{\mu\nu} q^2 + C_N \frac{n_\mu n_\nu}{nq^2} q^4 + D_N \frac{q_\mu n_\nu}{nq} q^2 + E_N \frac{n_\mu q_\nu}{nq} q^2 \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{\mu\nu}^N &= \Pi_{T_1}^N [q_\mu q_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} q^2] + \Pi_{T_2}^N \left[g_{\mu\nu} q^2 + \left(\frac{n_\mu n_\nu}{nq^2} q^2 - \frac{q_\mu n_\nu + n_\mu q_\nu}{nq} \right) q^2 \right] \\ &+ \Pi_{T_3}^N \left[q_\mu q_\nu - \frac{q_\mu n_\nu}{nq} q^2 \right] + \Pi_L^N \left[\frac{q_\mu n_\nu + n_\mu q_\nu}{nq} q^2 \right] + \Pi_{LL}^N \frac{n_\mu n_\nu}{nq^2} q^4. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Lorentz-invariant structures A_N, \dots, E_N and $\Pi_{T_i}^N, \Pi_L^N, \Pi_{LL}^N$ are connected by the simple algebraic relations

$$\Pi_{T_1}^N = A_N + D_N - E_N; \quad \Pi_{T_2}^N = A_N + B_N + D_N - E_N; \quad \Pi_{T_3}^N = E_N - D_N; \quad (3.4a)$$

$$\Pi_L^N = A_N + B_N + D_N; \quad \Pi_{LL}^N = C_N + E_N - A_N - B_N - D_N. \quad (3.4b)$$

Taking into account conservation of vector current $J_\nu(x)$ we get:

$$q^\nu \Pi_{\mu\nu}^N = q^\mu q^2 \Pi_L^N + \frac{n^\mu q^4}{nq} (\Pi_L^N + \Pi_{LL}^N) = 0 \quad (3.5)$$

or in terms of A_N, \dots, E_N ,

$$q^\nu \Pi_{\mu\nu}^N = q^\mu q^2 (A_N + B_N + D_N) + \frac{n^\mu q^4}{nq} (C_N + E_N) = 0. \quad (3.6)$$

We will analyze the Π_L^N structure, which can be obtained using the projector $n^\mu q^\nu / (nq)$. This structure is the most important one, because it distorts just the coefficient A_N . And namely this coefficient is responsible for distribution amplitudes (DAs) of the leading twist.

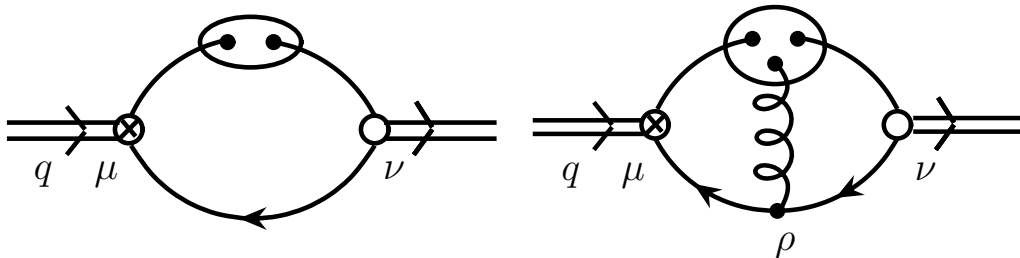


FIG. 2: Vector quark-quark ($\Delta_{2V}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$, left) and quark-gluon-antiquark ($\Delta_{\bar{q}Aq}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$, right) condensates contributions to the correlator $\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$.

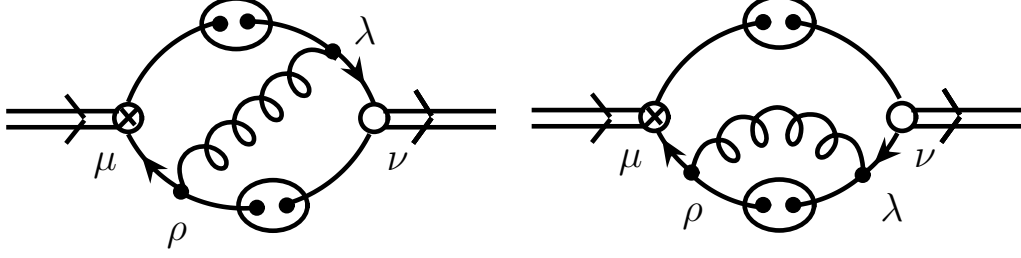


FIG. 3: Four-quark condensates contributions to the correlator $\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$: $\Delta_{4q1}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$ (left) and $\Delta_{4q2}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$ (right).

All $O(\alpha_s \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^2)$ -terms in $\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$ are generated by bilocal vector, quark-gluon-antiquark (see Fig. 2), and 4-quarks condensates (see Fig. 3):

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N = \Delta_{2V}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N + \Delta_{\bar{q}Aq}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N + \Delta_{4Q_1}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N + \Delta_{4Q_2}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N + (\text{M. C.}). \quad (3.7)$$

M. C. means terms due to mirror-conjugated diagrams: for example, in Fig. 2 they correspond to diagrams, in which NLC are inserted in the bottom line instead of the top one.

We are interested in the quantities corresponding to the non-transversal structure Π_L^N :

$$\Delta_k \Pi_L^N(M^2) \equiv \frac{M^4}{2A_0} \hat{B}_{-q^2 \rightarrow M^2} \frac{\Delta_k \Pi_{\mu\nu}^N n^\mu q^\nu}{nq} = \int_0^1 x^N \varphi_{k,L}(x, M^2) dx$$

with $k = 2V, \bar{q}Aq, 4Q_1, 4Q_2$. Here, in close analogy with QCD SR approach, we work with Borelized quantities, which are obtained after Borel transformation $\hat{B}_{-q^2 \rightarrow M^2}$. Using our parameterizations of vacuum condensates (2.1), (2.2), we obtain for these terms:

$$\varphi_{2V,L}(x, M^2) = -M^4 x (f_V(M^2 \bar{x}) - M^2 \bar{x} f'_V(M^2 \bar{x})) ; \quad (3.8a)$$

$$\Delta_{\bar{q}Aq} \Pi_L^N(M^2) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{2A_i}{A_0} \iiint_{000}^{\infty} d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 d\alpha_3 f_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \frac{G_i(\bar{\Delta}_1 - \Delta_2)^N + H_i \bar{\Delta}_1^{N+2}}{(N+2) \bar{\Delta}_1^3 \Delta_2^3} ; \quad (3.8b)$$

$$\Delta_{4Q_1} \Pi_L^N(M^2) = 18 \frac{(\log(\bar{\Delta}) F_1 + F_2) \bar{\Delta}^{N+2} + F_3}{(N+2)^2 (N+3) \Delta \bar{\Delta}^2} ; \quad (3.8c)$$

$$\varphi_{4Q_2,L}(x, M^2) = 36 M^2 \frac{f_S(M^2 \bar{x})}{x}, \quad (3.8d)$$

where $\Delta = \Lambda_S/M^2$, $\bar{\Delta} = 1 - \Delta$, $\Delta_i = \alpha_i/M^2$, $\bar{\Delta}_1 = 1 - \Delta_1$. Explicit form of functions F_i , G_i , and H_i are given in Appendix A. The term $\Delta_{4Q_1} \Pi_L^N(M^2)$ is written for Ansatz (1.4).

As we stated above, the most important for DAs of the leading twist is the coefficient A_N in front of the structure $q_\mu q_\nu$ in (3.2). Having in mind further applications for meson DAs, we calculate the corresponding contributions ($k = 2V, \bar{q}Aq, 4Q_1$ and $4Q_2$):

$$\Delta_k \Pi_T^N(M^2) \equiv \frac{M^6}{2A_0} \hat{B}_{-q^2 \rightarrow M^2} \frac{\Delta_k \Pi_{\mu\nu}^N n^\mu n^\nu}{nq^2} = \int_0^1 x^N \varphi_{k,T}(x, M^2) dx. \quad (3.9)$$

We obtain the following expressions

$$\varphi_{2V,T}(x, M^2) = 2 M^4 x f_V(M^2 \bar{x}); \quad (3.10)$$

$$\varphi_{\bar{q}Aq,T}(x, M^2) = \frac{4A_i}{A_0} \iiint_{000}^{\infty} d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 d\alpha_3 f_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \tilde{\varphi}_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, M^2); \quad (3.11)$$

$$\varphi_{4Q_1,T}(x, M^2) = 36 \iint_{00}^{\infty} d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 f_S(\alpha_1) f_S(\alpha_2) \tilde{\varphi}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, M^2); \quad (3.12)$$

$$\varphi_{4Q_2,T}(x, M^2) = 0, \quad (3.13)$$

where functions $\tilde{\varphi}_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, M^2)$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, M^2)$ are given in the explicit form in Appendix A.

IV. ANALYSIS OF GAUSSIAN MODELS

Vector current conservation in QCD claims for the transversity (with respect to the index ν) of the sum of contributions all quark condensates:

$$\Delta \Pi_L^N \equiv \Delta_{2V} \Pi_L^N + \Delta_{\bar{q}Aq} \Pi_L^N + \Delta_{4Q_1} \Pi_L^N + \Delta_{4Q_2} \Pi_L^N + (\text{M. C.}) = 0. \quad (4.1)$$

Note here that since we study Gaussian model based on delta-Ansatz (1.4), (2.8), the sum $\Delta \Pi_L^N$ can not be equal zero exactly. The reason is very simple — we insert the Gaussian behavior by hands. So, the only thing we can hope to realize, is to minimize $|\Delta \Pi_L^N|$ by the special choice of the Ansatz's parameters. More precisely, we are interested in minimization of conformal moments $\Delta \langle \xi^{2N} \rangle_L$, which are used in the QCD SR analysis of meson DAs. Relations between moments $\Delta \langle \xi^{2N} \rangle_L$ and $\Delta \Pi_L^N$ are considered in Appendix B.

In order to find these values of our parameters $\{X_i\}$ we introduce the following optimization function ($\Delta \equiv \lambda_q^2/(2M^2)$)

$$\Phi_K(\{X_i\}) = \sum_{N=0}^K w_N \langle \langle |\Delta \langle \xi^{2N} \rangle_L(\Delta; \{X_i\})|^2 \rangle \rangle;$$

$$\langle \langle F(\Delta) \rangle \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{17} \sum_{j=1}^{17} F(\Delta = 0.024 \cdot j),$$

summing up “norms” of first nontrivial K moments $\Delta \langle \xi^n \rangle_L(\Delta; \{X_i\})$ with $n = 0, 2, \dots, 2K$. To define the corresponding “norm” of function $F(\Delta)$, $\langle \langle F(\Delta) \rangle \rangle$, we integrate numerically in $\Delta \in [0 - 0.45]$, because just this interval of Δ values is physically important in QCD SRs. The weights w_N are specified by the corresponding norms in the minimal Ansatz case [11, 12]:

$$\Phi_{2N}^{\min} = \langle \langle |\Delta \langle \xi^{2N} \rangle_L(\Delta; \{X_v = 1, X_i = Y_i = Z_1 = 0, x_i = y_i = z_i = 1\})|^2 \rangle \rangle.$$

We introduce these weights in order to normalize contributions of different moments to the whole sum and to make these contributions of the same order of magnitude. For this reason we define w_N as follows:

$$w_N = \frac{\Phi_0^{\min}}{\Phi_{2N}^{\min}}.$$

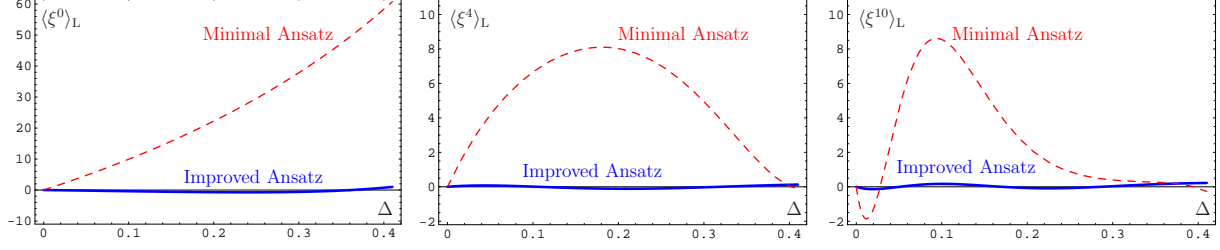


FIG. 4: We show functions $\Delta\langle\xi^{2N}\rangle_L(\Delta)$ with $N = 0, 4, 10$ for the improved NLC model (4.3) (solid line) in comparison with ones, corresponding to the minimal NLC model (dashed line).

This receipt gives us in the minimal Ansatz case equal to unity contributions of all moments to the optimization function $\Phi_K(\{X_v = 1, X_i = Y_i = Z_1 = 0, x_i = y_i = z_i = 1\}) = K + 1$. Numerically, we use $K = 5$ and find

$$w_0 = 1; \quad w_2 = 13; \quad w_4 = 29; \quad w_6 = 45; \quad w_8 = 55; \quad w_{10} = 59.$$

Consider now the set of available parameters $\{X_i\}$ in our improved model. We apply delta Ansatz (1.4) with one parameter X_v , relating nonlocalities in vector and scalar quark condensates:

$$\lambda_V^2 = X_v \lambda_q^2. \quad (4.2)$$

For the quark-gluon-quark condensate we use Ansatz (2.8) with $\Lambda = X_v \lambda_q^2/2$ and apply condition (2.3):

$$Z_i = Y_i; \quad x_i = x; \quad y_i = z_i = 1 - x; \quad (i = 1, 2, 3).$$

These parameters are not independent due to Eq. (2.9), derived from the QCD equation of motion (2.4). After taking into account all mentioned relations we have the following 7 parameters: $x, X_1, X_2, X_3, Y_1, Y_3$ and X_v . Minimization of the function $\Phi_5(x, X_1, X_2, X_3, Y_1, Y_3, X_v)$ gives us the following set of parameters

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= +0.082; & Y_1 = Z_1 &= -2.243; & x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x &= 0.788; & X_v &= 1.00; \\ X_2 &= -1.298; & Y_2 = Z_2 &= -0.239; & y_1 = y_2 = y_3 &= 1 - x = 0.212; \\ X_3 &= +1.775; & Y_3 = Z_3 &= -3.166; & z_1 = z_2 = z_3 &= 1 - x = 0.212. \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

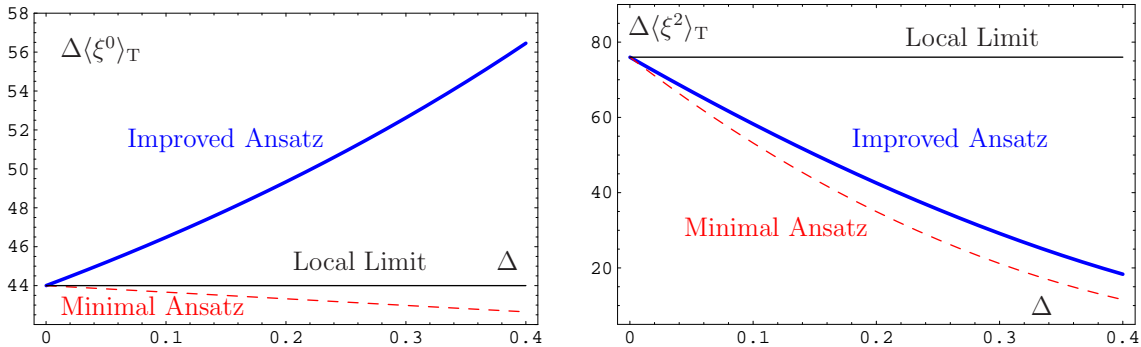


FIG. 5: We show functions $\Delta\langle\xi^0\rangle_T$ (left panel) and $\Delta\langle\xi^2\rangle_T$ (right panel) for the improved NLC model (4.3) (solid line) in comparison with ones, corresponding to the minimal NLC model (dashed line).

We will consider this set as the basic parameter set of the improved Gaussian model.

To illustrate the quality of the improved Ansatz we show in Fig. 4 plots of the functions $\Delta\langle\xi^{2N}\rangle_L(\Delta)$ with $N = 0, 2, 5$ (solid lines) in comparison with corresponding quantities for the minimal Ansatz (dashed lines). As is clearly seen from this comparisons, the improved Ansatz (4.3) strongly suppresses the absolute values of non-transverse conformal moments $\Delta\langle\xi^{2N}\rangle_L$, i. e. takes the vector correlator transversity into account much better.

In Fig. 5 we also show the moments $\Delta\langle\xi^{2N}\rangle_T$ with $N = 0$ and $N = 1$ for the improved Gaussian model in comparison with results for the minimal model [12].

V. PION DISTRIBUTION AMPLITUDE

The obtained QCD vacuum model allows us to calculate moments of the pion DA $\varphi_\pi(x, \mu^2)$ [17] more accurately.

$$\langle 0 | \bar{d}(z) \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u(0) | \pi(P) \rangle \Big|_{z^2=0} = i f_\pi P^\mu \int_0^1 dx e^{ix(zP)} \varphi_\pi(x, \mu^2). \quad (5.1)$$

The results of the analysis of $\langle\xi^{2N}\rangle_\pi$ in the NLC QCD sum rules are given in the Table I. One can see from this table that the values of the pion DA moments in the new Gaussian

TABLE I: Pion DA moments $\langle\xi^N\rangle_\pi(\mu_0^2)$, determined at $\mu_0^2 = 1.35 \text{ GeV}^2$.

Model	f_π (GeV)	$N = 2$	$N = 4$	$N = 6$	$N = 8$	$N = 10$
Minimal [12]	0.137(8)	0.266(20)	0.115(11)	0.060(7)	0.036(5)	0.025(4)
Ansatz (4.3)	0.140(13)	0.290(29)	0.128(13)	0.067(7)	0.040(5)	0.025(4)

model of QCD vacuum are systematically different from those, corresponding to the minimal model. Allowed region for the Gegenbauer coefficients a_2 and a_4 are shown in Fig. 6. These coefficients define the pion DA in a form of the expansion in Gegenbauer polynomials $C_n^{3/2}(2x-1)$, being the eigenfunctions of the 1-loop ER-BL [18, 19] evolution kernel:

$$\varphi_\pi(x; \mu^2 = 1.35 \text{ GeV}^2) = 6 x \bar{x} \left[1 + a_2 C_2^{3/2}(2x-1) + a_4 C_4^{3/2}(2x-1) \right]. \quad (5.2)$$

In order to test the self-consistency of our procedure of DA restoration on the basis of information about its first five conformal moments, we use the same technique as in [11, 12]. Namely, we construct the special SR for the inverse moment $\langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi$ and the result of its processing $\langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi^{\text{SR}}$ is compared with the inverse moment obtained from representation (5.2):

$$\langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi^{\text{DA}} = 3 (1 + a_2 + a_4). \quad (5.3)$$

For the value $\lambda_q^2 = 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$ we get following results:

$$\langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi^{\text{DA}} = 3.25 \pm 0.20; \quad \langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi^{\text{SR}} = 3.40 \pm 0.34,$$

and for the value $\lambda_q^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ — these:

$$\langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi^{\text{DA}} = 3.08 \pm 0.15; \quad \langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi^{\text{SR}} = 3.27 \pm 0.35.$$

The obtained inverse moments in both cases are in good mutual agreement. This confirms the self-consistency of the pion DA recovery procedure.

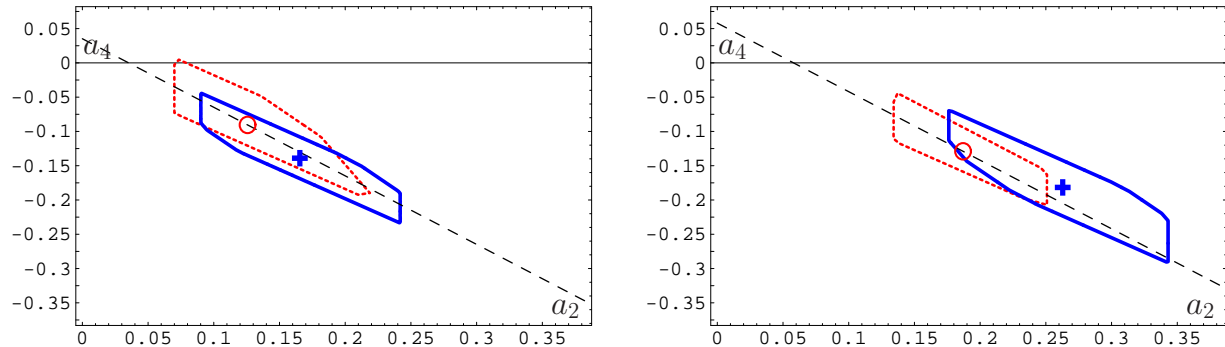


FIG. 6: Allowed values of the pion DA parameters a_2 and a_4 are bounded by the solid blue line. Region bounded by the dotted red line represents results obtained in the minimal model [12]. Left panel show the results for the value $\lambda_q^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, right panel – for the value $\lambda_q^2 = 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$. All values are normalized at $\mu^2 = 1.35 \text{ GeV}^2$.

VI. CONCLUSION

Here we considered the Gaussian model of the nonlocal vacuum quark and quark-gluon condensates in QCD. We analyzed the Lorenz structure of the correlator $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)$ of two vector quark currents and showed that in the minimal Gaussian model of the nonperturbative QCD vacuum [3, 11, 12], this correlator is non-transversal and nonlocal condensates do not satisfy QCD equations of motion.

To ameliorate the situation we suggested the improved Gaussian model for nonlocal vacuum quark and quark-gluon condensates in QCD, Eqs. (1.4) and (2.8). This model satisfies QCD equations of motion for quark fields and the revealed breakdown of gauge invariance is minimized by the special choice of parameters, see Eqs. (4.3).

Using this improved model of the nonlocal QCD vacuum we analyzed QCD SRs for the pion DA. We revealed that in the new QCD vacuum model the NLC SRs produce again a 2-parameter “*bunch*” of admissible DAs. The allowed values of this bunch parameters

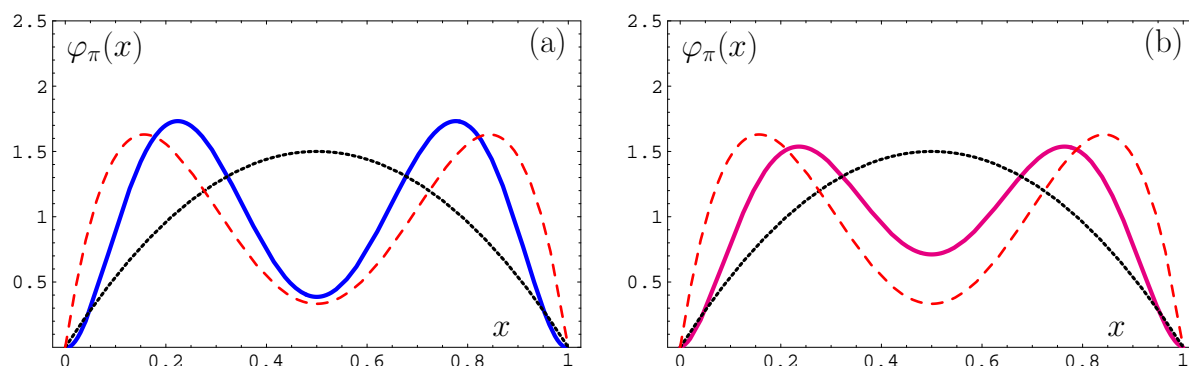


FIG. 7: Profiles of the pion DAs corresponding to the central points of the “bunches” for the value of the nonlocality parameter $\lambda_q^2 = 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$. **Panel (a):** The blue solid line represents the result obtained in the improved Gaussian model (symbol \oplus on the right part of Fig. 6). **Panel (b):** The red solid line represents the result obtained in the minimal Gaussian model (BMS model [12], symbol \circ on the right part of Fig. 6). For comparison we show here also the asymptotic DA (dotted line) and Chernyak–Zhitnitsky (CZ) DA [20] (red dashed line).

a_2 and a_4 are shown in Fig. 6. These models are in a good agreement with the results of independent SR for the pion DA inverse moment, $\langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi^{\text{SR}}$.

We emphasize here that obtained earlier in the minimal Gaussian model of QCD vacuum the BMS model [12], shown in Fig. 6 by symbol \circ , is inside the allowed region dictated by the improved QCD vacuum model. This testifies to the heredity of both Gaussian models, the minimal one and the improved one. Moreover, that also means that all the characteristic features of the BMS bunch are valid also for the improved bunch: one can see in Fig. 7 that in comparison with the CZ model [20] (dashed red line, $a_2 = 0.52$ and $a_4 = 0$ at $\mu^2 = 1.35 \text{ GeV}^2$) the NLC-dictated models are much more end-point suppressed, although are double-humped.

This results in completely different values of the inverse moment: $\langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi^{\text{CZ}} = 4.56$, whereas in our case $\langle x^{-1} \rangle_\pi = 3.24 \pm 0.20$.³

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³ Note that smaller errors in the analysis [12] are related with their estimation only by stability with respect to Borel parameter M^2 variation inside the “fidelity window” of QCD SRs. In our paper we also take into account internal errors of the QCD SR approach and suggest that the overall error can not be smaller than 10%.

Appendix

APPENDIX A: $O(\alpha_s \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^2)$ -CONTRIBUTIONS

$O(\alpha_s \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^2)$ -order terms of $\Delta_{2V}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$ are determined by four objects. They are bilocal vector condensate ($\Delta_{2V}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$), 3-local quark-gluon-antiquark condensate ($\Delta_{\bar{q}Aq}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$), 4-quark condensates ($\Delta_{4Q_1}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$ and $\Delta_{4Q_2}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N$). We consider terms for diagrams Figs. 2 and 3. Contribution of mirror-conjugate diagrams are taken into account by symmetrical consideration, see Appendix B.

$$\Delta_{2V}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N = \frac{i}{(nq)^N} \int dx e^{iqx} \langle \bar{u}(0) \gamma_\mu (-in \nabla_0)^N \overline{d(0)} \bar{d}(x) \gamma_\nu u(x) \rangle; \quad (A.1)$$

$$\Delta_{\bar{q}Aq}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N = \frac{i(ig)}{(nq)^N} \int dx e^{iqx} \int dy \langle \bar{d}(0) \gamma_\mu (-in \nabla_0)^N \overline{u(0)} \bar{u}(y) \gamma_\rho \hat{A}_\rho(y) \overline{u(y)} \bar{u}(x) \gamma_\nu d(x) \rangle; \quad (A.2)$$

$$\Delta_{4Q_1}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N = \frac{i(ig)^2}{(nq)^N} \int dx e^{iqx} \int dy \int dz \times \langle \bar{d}(0) \gamma_\mu (-in \vec{\nabla}_0)^N \overline{u(0)} \bar{u}(y) \gamma^\rho \overbrace{\hat{A}_\rho(y) u(y) \bar{u}(x) \gamma_\nu \bar{d}(x) \bar{d}(z) \gamma^\lambda \hat{A}_\lambda(z) d(z)} \rangle; \quad (A.3)$$

$$\Delta_{4Q_2}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^N = \frac{i(ig)^2}{(nq)^N} \int dx e^{iqx} \int dy \int dz \times \langle \bar{d}(0) (-in \vec{\nabla}_0)^N \gamma_\mu \overline{u(0)} \bar{u}(y) \gamma^\rho \overbrace{\hat{A}_\rho(y) u(y) \bar{u}(z) \gamma^\lambda \hat{A}_\lambda(z) \overline{u(z)} \bar{u}(x) \gamma_\nu u(x)} \rangle. \quad (A.4)$$

Values $\Delta_k \Pi_L^N(M^2)$, $k = 2V, \bar{q}Aq, 4Q_1, 4Q_2$ are defined in (3.8a)–(3.8d), where

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= N(N+1)\bar{\Delta}_1\Delta_2^2 + H_2\frac{\Delta_2}{\bar{\Delta}_1} - NH_3, \\ H_2 &= -\bar{\Delta}_1((N+3)\Delta_1\Delta_2(\bar{\Delta}_1 - \Delta_3) + \Delta_3(3\Delta_2 + 2\Delta_1\bar{\Delta}_1)), \\ H_3 &= \Delta_2((N+(N+3)\Delta_1)\Delta_2\bar{\Delta}_1 + \Delta_3(3\Delta_2 + \Delta_1\bar{\Delta}_1 - (N+3)\Delta_1\Delta_2)), \\ G_1 &= -N(N+1)\Delta_2^2\bar{\Delta}_1(\bar{\Delta}_1 - \Delta_2)^2 + G_2\frac{\Delta_2}{\bar{\Delta}_1} - G_3N, \\ G_2 &= \bar{\Delta}_1^2\Delta_2[3(N+1)(N+2)\Delta_2^2 - (N+1)(N+3)\Delta_1\Delta_2^2 \\ &\quad + N(N+3)\Delta_1\bar{\Delta}_1\Delta_2 + (N+3)\Delta_1\bar{\Delta}_1^2] \\ &\quad + \bar{\Delta}_1\Delta_3(\bar{\Delta}_1 - \Delta_2)[(N+1)(\bar{\Delta}_1 + 2)\Delta_2^2 \\ &\quad + (N-1)\Delta_1\bar{\Delta}_1\Delta_2 + 3\bar{\Delta}_1\Delta_2 + 2\Delta_1\bar{\Delta}_1^2], \\ G_3 &= -\Delta_2(\bar{\Delta}_1 - \Delta_2)\left[\Delta_1\Delta_3(\bar{\Delta}_1 - \Delta_2)^2 + 3\Delta_2\Delta_3(\bar{\Delta}_1 - \Delta_2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Delta_2\bar{\Delta}_1(N\bar{\Delta}_1 + (N+3)(\Delta_1\bar{\Delta}_1 + \Delta_2(\bar{\Delta}_1 + 1)))\right], \\ F_1 &= (n+1+\bar{\Delta})(n+2)(n+3), \quad F_2 = \bar{\Delta} - (n+3)[(n+1)(n+4)\Delta + 1], \\ F_3 &= (n+3)\bar{\Delta} - 1, \end{aligned}$$

and $\Delta = \Lambda_S/M^2$, $\bar{\Delta} = 1 - \Delta$, $\Delta_i = \alpha_i/M^2$, $\bar{\Delta}_1 = 1 - \Delta_1$.

For transverse components $\Delta_k \Pi_T^N(M^2)$, see (3.9), corresponding value are given by fol-

lowing expressions.

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\varphi}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, M^2) &= \frac{x \theta(\Delta_1 - \bar{x})}{\Delta_1^2 \Delta_2 \bar{\Delta}_1^2} \left(\bar{x} \Delta_2 \bar{\Delta}_1 + \log \left(\frac{x \Delta_1 \bar{\Delta}_2}{x \Delta_1 - (\Delta_1 - \bar{x}) \Delta_2} \right) \Delta_1 (\Delta_1 - \bar{x}) \bar{\Delta}_2 \right); \\
\tilde{\varphi}_1(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, M^2) &= \left(\frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta_2} - \frac{\bar{\Delta}_1}{\Delta_2} \right) \delta(\bar{x} - \Delta_1) - \left(1 - \frac{\bar{\Delta}_1}{\Delta_2} \right) \delta(\bar{x} - \Delta_1 - \Delta_2) \\
&\quad - \frac{x (x \Delta_3 + \Delta_2 (\Delta_1 + \Delta_3 - 1))}{\bar{\Delta}_1^2 \Delta_2^2} \theta(\bar{x} - \Delta_1) \theta(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - \bar{x}); \\
\tilde{\varphi}_2(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, M^2) &= - \left(1 - \frac{\bar{\Delta}_1}{\Delta_2} \right) \delta(\bar{x} - \Delta_1 - \Delta_2) \\
&\quad + \frac{x (2 (\Delta_1 - \bar{x}) \Delta_3 + \Delta_2 (\Delta_1 + \Delta_3 - 1))}{\bar{\Delta}_1 \Delta_2^3} \theta(\bar{x} - \Delta_1) \theta(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - \bar{x}); \\
\tilde{\varphi}_3(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, M^2) &= - \frac{x ((\Delta_1 - \bar{x}) \Delta_3 + \Delta_2 (\Delta_1 + \Delta_3 - 1))}{\bar{\Delta}_1^2 \Delta_2^2} \theta(\bar{x} - \Delta_1) \theta(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - \bar{x}),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta_i = \alpha_i/M^2$, $\bar{\Delta}_i = 1 - \Delta_i$ and $\bar{x} = 1 - x$.

, $f_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$ $f_S(\alpha)$, $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 < M^2$, $\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 < M^2$ $2\alpha < M^2$. (1.4), (2.8), . Note that result are presented for parametric functions $f_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$ and $f_S(\alpha)$ such that only $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 < M^2$, $\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 < M^2$ $2\alpha < M^2$ integration domains give contribution. For Ansatz (1.4), (2.8) this conditions correspond to working area of QCD sum rules.

APPENDIX B: CONFORMAL MOMENTS

Let us consider linear combinations of moments $\Delta \Pi_L^N$,

$$\Delta \langle \xi^{2N} \rangle_L \equiv \int_0^1 (2x - 1)^{2N} \varphi(x) dx = \sum_{k=0}^{2N} (-2)^{2N-k} \binom{2N}{k} \int_0^1 x^{2N-k} \varphi(x) dx.$$

This combinations is named conformal moments. Namely this moments are analyzed in QCD sum rules for meson DA.

Reflection-symmetrical diagrams are equal to calculated diagrams. If x -density for calculated diagrams are $\varphi_0(x)$, then $\varphi_0(1 - x)$ are density for M. C. diagrams and

$$\int_0^1 (2x - 1)^{2N} \varphi_0(x) dx = \int_0^1 (2x - 1)^{2N} \varphi_0(1 - x) dx.$$

That is full contribution in conformal moment of fixed diagram is equal to doubled term of either of diagram.

$$\Delta \langle \xi^{2N} \rangle_L = 2 \int_0^1 (2x - 1)^{2N} \varphi_0(x) dx.$$

Denoting

$$\Delta \tilde{\Pi}_0^k \equiv \int_0^1 x^k \varphi_0(x) dx,$$

we immediately obtain the necessary conformal moments

$$\Delta\langle\xi^{2N}\rangle_L = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{2N} (-2)^k \binom{2N}{k} \Delta\tilde{\Pi}_0^k.$$

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